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Christian College

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents

PREFECT ELECTIONS: This time of the year is characterised by change – changes that are taking place right now and preparation for changes to come. This is an exciting time of the year with examination preparation and assessments taking priority for both students and staff. The fruits of our students' labours will be revealed shortly. Our Year 12's have now left the College and our TEE students are busy writing their final examinations. Amid all this assessment activity there is another pool of activity – we are in the process of finalising the 2008 Prefect Body. The process has been fairly lengthy and has required our aspiring leaders to think deeply about their potential commitment, win votes through their election speeches and, most recently, undergo an interview with Mrs Balding and me.

This brings me to the core of what I want to say in this newsletter. Every year, but this year in particular, I have been humbled to listen to the responses of our students as they discuss issues such as leadership, setting an example, Christian living, mentorship, commitment and perseverance under challenging circumstances. Our students' responses reflect a very real, very mature awareness of what it is to 'do life' from a Christian perspective. If the calibre of these young people is anything to go by then the College will definitely be in very capable hands next year!

I would ask you to keep all of our Prefects-in-Training in your prayers at this time.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2008: I thought that it would be valuable to provide you with an update on **staff** changes for 2008:

APPOINTMENTS:

Deputy Principal of College

Mrs Helen Balding takes up this newly created position in the College.

Assistant Principal - Secondary

Mr Mike Kingsford joins us from Rehoboth Christian School and replaces Mrs Balding in the Secondary School.

Assistant Principal - Primary

Mrs Corinna Keane's designation changes from Primary School Coordinator to Assistant Principal - Primary.

Business Manager

Mr Geoff Edwards joins us from Strathalbyn Christian College in Geraldton.

English

Ms Kylie Stryder joins us from Warnbro Community High School.

Drama

Ms Megan Sullivan joins us from Queensland.

SOSE

Mr Alan Soo joins us from Singapore.

Yr 6

Ms Kristy van der Kooij will replace Mr Matt Splatt in the Year 6 class.

Yr 5/6

Mr Gary Mewhor joins us from Dale Christian School and takes the place of Mrs Mel Zanich who will be celebrating the birth of her first child.

Yr 2/3

Ms Priscilla Kwang takes the place of Mrs Amy Matthews who who will be celebrating the birth of her first child early next year.

Pre-primary

Ms Katrina Ozsdolay joins us in Pre-primary where she will release Mrs Sue Yardley for part of each week to focus on building literacy and numeracy in the Primary School.

Pre-primary Teacher's Aid

Ms Antoinette Manning joins the pre-primary team.

Primary Sport & ICT

Mr Matt Splatt moves out of the Year 6 classroom into a specialist Primary ICT and Sports position.

RESIGNATIONS

Middle School Coordinator

Mr Peter Worth leaves us to begin a new business in maintenance works.

English

Mrs Jenny Jellicoe leaves us to take a well-deserved break before deciding on the next phase of her teaching journey.

Mathematics

Mr Tom Allen leaves us to join Mandurah Baptist College.

Drama

Mr Sean Tobin leaves us to take up a leadership position at Joondalup Baptist College. Congratulations, Sean!

Hospitality

Mrs Lorraein O'Callaghan-Munt is taking a well-deserved break after many years in the kitchen.

Yr 2

Mrs Amy Matthews will be taking parental leave.

Yr 4

Mrs Mel Zanich will be taking parental leave. Mrs Nyree Summerfield will leave us to continue her parental role next year.

We are still in the process of finalising our Drama, Hospitality and Mathematics positions and will inform you once these processes are complete.

Please keep all of our staff; existing, departing and arriving in your prayers!

As you can see, there is never a dull moment at TCC! We will be farewelling our departing staff at appropriate functions towards the end of the year and we will welcome our new staff in the New Year when we look forward to benefitting from their new and diverse talents, skills and abilities.

Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Believe it or not! We are now over half way through the final term with examinations the immediate focus. The Year 12's are in the midst of their TEE examinations, the Year 11's and the Year 10's are busy preparing for their examinations next week.

The traditional Year 12 Final Assembly as always was a very special event especially the very touching finale where the whole College formed a circle on the oval around the 12's as each released a white dove, a symbol of peace, purity, love and new beginnings. All watched as they spread their beautiful white wings circled above and together flew out of the boundaries of the College. It is said that the white dove represents the Holy Spirit who empowers and guides all to be a witness for Jesus and that was our prayer for the Class of 2007.

I would like to thank every one who had a part to play in the assembly, the Junior School Choir for their beautiful rendition of "A Beautiful Prayer and The Best Present of All", the Year 12's for their "special" nursery rhyme item, our very own renowned Country Male vocalist, Chris Godleman, the parents for once again showing their support in attending and to all the other students who added a special touch to the mornings programme.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Melissa Santoso on receiving a Bronze certificate for achieving 10 commendations.

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER AND SERVICE – a reminder that we would like to have the numbers finalised by November 12.

SENIOR SCHOOL RIVER CRUISE - Saturday November 17 - Finalisation of payment is now overdue.

SENIOR SCHOOL AWARDS AND YEAR 12 GRADUATION EVENING – Thursday November 29.

This signature event of the College will be held at Perth Christian Life Centre, Rangeview Place, Canning Vale for all Year 10, 11, & 12 students. The night is a celebration of excellence and achievement for all of our students, not just for those fortunate enough to receive awards. It is also a very important evening for the Year 12's as they graduate from the College. **All students are required to attend** and it is hoped that parents will also consider this important event as a priority. The evening will commence at 7.15 pm. All students are to wear the **full College Winter uniform.**

FINAL DAYS FOR THE 10'S AND 11'S

The final school day for the 11's will be on Friday **November 23 at 1.10 pm** and the final day for the Year 10's will be on **Thursday November 28 at 1.10 pm.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY SENIOR SCHOOL

TEE EXAMS CONCLUDE	Nov 12
Valedictory Dinner Yr 12	Nov 21
Years 10 and 11 Exams	Nov 12 - 16
River Cruise	Nov 17
Final Day Year 11	Nov 23
Final Day Year 10	Nov 28
Senior School Awards Night	Nov 29

Helen Balding
SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Week four, can you believe it? This means that the Middle School exams are only four weeks away and students need to stay as focussed as possible. We have had a number of interruptions to the teaching program in recent weeks which have been beneficial to the spirit and tradition of the College but the next few weeks are quite free from disruptions. Can I ask you as parents to encourage your child to remain on task with schoolwork and to keep on top of all homework?

Thank you to the Year 7 parents who have kindly offered to accompany Mr Harders and the Year 7 classes to the Perth Zoo excursion this Friday. It has been overwhelming this year to see the amount of parent involvement in Middle School activities and outings.

Peter Worth
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

After School Duty of Care

For the safety of our students in the afternoons, we have two main areas where the children are expected to be; either under the tent area if they need to catch the school bus or on the grassed area behind Year 2F and Year 3K if they are waiting for parents. Both areas have a duty teacher to supervise the students. Could we please ask that parents remind their children of this and to not allow them to wander to and from the family car (or friend's cars)? We have also observed some of our younger students and siblings playing and running very close to the 'drive-through drop-off area'. For the safety of our staff (that is, the risk of them having a heart attack) could we please ask parents to keep their children on the grassed area? Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Swimming Lessons 2008

The Good News: Swimming Lessons will take place in the Summer Months and in the afternoons.

The Bad News: Swimming Lessons will take place in the first two weeks of Term 1, 2008.

It's not really bad news; it just means that everyone will have to write this up onto their calendars in big, bold letters so that **all students from Year 1 to Year 6 turn up on day one with their bathers and towels.**

All students will be allowed to wear sport uniform for the duration of the swimming lessons in order to make it easier to change into and out of their bathers.

Forms will be sent out soon to all students in P/P to Year 5 and will be due back before the end of the term.

A reminder will be placed in each newsletter.

Dates for the Diary Primary School

Week 4

Monday Edu-dance Practise (Yr 1-6)
Tuesday Edu-dance Practise (K-P/P)

Week 5

Monday Edu-dance Practise (Yr 1-6)
Tuesday Edu-dance Practise (K-P/P)

Week 6

Monday Yr 4Z Assembly
Edu-dance Practise (Yr 1-6)
Tuesday Edu-dance Practise (K-P/P)
Thursday Year 1 Excursion to Herdsman Lake

Week 7

Monday Edu-dance Practise (Yr 1-6)
Tuesday Edu-dance Practise (K-P/P)
Friday All Year 6 Students End-of-Primary Outing
Yr 3K Excursion to King's Park

Week 8

Monday Edu-dance Practise (Yr 1-6)
Tuesday Edu-dance Practise (K-P/P)
Awards Assembly
Wednesday Primary School Closes at 12:30pm
Primary Concert/Yr 6 Graduation at PCLC

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

At the time of going to press, we are yet to be informed about the official results from last Friday's primary carnival at Perry Lakes.

This was due to events running over time. All of the races were held in heats and finals were due

to be held in certain events, but time ran out. All winners will now be decided on their times in the heats, with Bronze, Silver and Gold medals being awarded to the top three places.

As you can see from the results of the heats below, Thornlie can look forward to hearing from the organisers.

Primary Inter School Carnival Results 2007

Students who finished in the top 3 of their heats are as follows:

800m	
Year 7	Joel Smith (2 nd), Jake Lemmer (3 rd) & Megan Morris (3 rd)
Year 6	Elliot Chase (3 rd), Timothy Throssell (1 st) & Rachel Murphy (3 rd)
400m	
Year 5	Brayden Beckley (2 nd), Iain McLennan (1 st), Gracie Lee (1 st) & Katie Bilich (1 st)
Year 4	Stephen Lemmer (1 st), Amelia Stephens (2 nd) & Nina Chase (2 nd)
200m	
Year 7	Joel Smith (2 nd), Jake Lemmer (2 nd) & Stephanie Strong (3 rd)
Year 6	Timothy Throssell (1 st) & Brady Pearce (3 rd)
Year 5	Frank Johnson (1 st), Kyall Clark (1 st), Katie Bilich (2 nd) & Gracie Lee (2 nd) Cameron Flood (3 rd), Stephen Lemmer (1 st), Amelia Stephens (1 st) & Nina Chase (3 rd)
100m	
Year 7	Jake Lemmer (2 nd), Joel Smith (2 nd) & Megan Morris (3 rd)
Year 6	Brady Pearce (1 st), Timothy Throssell (1 st), Caris Witham (3 rd) & Kaitlin Moffat (3 rd)
Year 5	Frank Johnson (1 st), Kyall Clark (2 nd), Katie Bilich (2 nd) & Gracie Lee (1 st)
70m	Year 4 – Cameron Flood (3 rd), Sam Hutcheson (1 st), Amelia Stephens (2 nd) & Nina Chase (2 nd)
4 x 100m Relay	Year 7 – Boys (2 nd) Year 6 – Boys (1 st) Year 5 – Boys (1 st) & Girls (1 st)

Hopefully I can announce winners in the next edition.

Going For Gold

The results of the Photograph competition were announced this week and I am pleased to say that Thornlie was one of the 8 runners up. Our photograph is proudly displayed on the ARU website. We received a letter from Stirling Mortlock, Wallabies Captain, stating that all the

schools photos were displayed in their team hotel in France, during the World Cup.

AFL

U15 Football v Armadale (Away)

Friday 9th November

Bounce Down 1.30pm

(Match report to follow)

Matt Richmond

HEAD OF PE

Chaplains Commentary

Whenever you are going through a bad situation, there is always an element of good that you can find, you just have to look for it. For example, my wife and I are trying to sell our car (it's a 1998 Mitsubishi Magna in pristine condition, call for a price). We were driving along Roe Hwy on Monday afternoon and the tyre blew. Could you pick a worse place to have to change a tyre? Trucks flying past, losing my hat, bolts rolling onto the road, pregnant wife who could possibly go into labour...and we were already running late!

So here is the positive: My wife could have been in the car by herself when it happened. The fact that I was there with her was the positive. Another positive is that the tyre went while we still had the car, and its something the new owners won't have to worry about!

So whatever situation you find yourself in, know that there is good in there. If you can't see the good right now, don't question God and His sovereignty. He has all of eternity to unfold His plans and purposes to us mere mortals!

Amit Khaira

CHAPLAIN

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition

The Examiner Newspaper is running a competition in conjunction with an Education promotion, which has included Thornlie Christian College.

Students can enter the competition – the entry form can be found in the paper – Education section.

First prize is a Kodak digital camera and second prize is a 34cm colour television, kindly sponsored by Harvey Norman.

The entry form may be photocopied. Only current students of the College are eligible to enter. The Competition closes at 5 pm on November 13.

What's happening in the Art room?



The year 11 TEE art class was privileged to have Mrs. Masarani come and give a textiles demonstration early last week. The girls learnt some 'tricks of the trade' ready to apply to their textiles assignment due this week...looking forward to how they turn out! THANKS MRS MASARANI! 😊



Do you have what the Art Room needs?

- Ice-cream container lids
- Scrap material (anything!)
- Old towels

****Best wishes to Elisa Sweeney & Stacey Pang who are sitting their TEE Art exam this week – WE ARE THINKING OF YOU!****

**Sally Florrison
ART TEACHER**

Home needed



Two tortoiseshell 11 month old kittens need a loving home, preferably together.

They have been de sexed and are up to date with immunisations.

Kitty litter, tray, toys and scratching post included.

Please call Mrs. Melanie Zanich 0438902303

INTEREST SOUGHT

CAR-POOLING in the
Armadale / Kelmscott area



Please ring Diana on 9497 9385

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE For Year 6

Now that your child is a pre-teen it is a good time to highlight some important health issues.

IMMUNISATION

Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (Boostrix) & Chicken Pox (from 2006) immunisation is available FREE at school only for Year 7 students. Information is distributed in Term 1 of each year explaining the program.

SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It usually develops during early adolescence, at about 10-13 yrs. An information leaflet will be distributed in Yr 7. If parents have any concerns these may be discussed with your GP or School Community Health Nurse.

PUBERTY

Education sessions on growth and development are available at school during Yr 6 & 7. Now is a good time to discuss these physical & emotional changes with your child. Information for parents is available from your School Community Health Nurse.

MENTAL HEALTH

Communicating with your child remains the most important strategy for parents to promote optimal mental and emotional health. If you have any concerns about your child don't hesitate to discuss them: people who may be able to help are your GP, School Community Health Nurse or School Psychologist.

VISION

Accessing visual information in the classroom can be difficult for children with vision problems. If your child answers "yes" to any of the following, please see your GP or local Optometrist.

- ❖ Covers /closes one eye when reading
- ❖ Holds books very close
- ❖ Complains of eyestrain or headache
- ❖ Complains of double vision
- ❖ Complains of blurred vision with reading/blackboard viewing
- ❖ Complains of words moving on a page
- ❖ Loses place with reading, skips words and lines
- ❖ Inattentive or short attention span when reading
- ❖ Rubs eyes

Medicare covers the cost of an eye examination at Optometrists.

NEW MOVIE WARNING:

The College received this advisory about a movie that will be released in the December holidays:

There will be a new children's movie out in December called "The Golden Compass". The movie has been described as "**atheism for kids**" and is based on the first book of a trilogy entitled "His Dark Materials" that was written by Phillip Pullman. Pullman is a militant atheist and secular humanist who despises C. S. Lewis and the "Chronicles of Narnia". His motivation for writing this trilogy was specifically to counteract Lewis' symbolisms of Christ that are portrayed in the Narnia series.

Clearly, Pullman's main objective is to bash Christianity and promote atheism. Pullman left little doubt about his intentions when he said in a 2003 interview that "my books are about killing God." He has even stated that he wants to "kill God in the minds of children". It has been said of Pullman that he is "the writer the atheists would be praying for, if atheists prayed."

While "The Golden Compass" movie itself may seem mild and innocent, the books are a much different story. In the trilogy, a young streetwise girl becomes enmeshed in an epic struggle to ultimately defeat the oppressive forces of a senile God. Another character, an ex-nun, describes Christianity as "a very powerful and convincing mistake." In the final book, characters representing Adam and Eve eventually kill God, who at times is called YAHWEH. Each book in the trilogy gets progressively worse regarding Pullman's hatred of Jesus Christ.

"The Golden Compass" is set to premier on December 7, during the Christmas season (and starring Nicole Kidman), and will probably be heavily advertised. Promoters hope that unsuspecting parents will take their children to see the movie, that they will enjoy the movie, and that the children will want the books for Christmas.

Please **pass this information along to everyone** you know (including church leaders). This will help to educate parents,

so that they will know the agenda of the movie.

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/religion/compass.asp> . **Read the info on the link.**